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## MARCH MEETING.

A stated monthly meeting of the Society was held this day, Thursday, March 11, at eleven o'clock, A.M.; the President in the chair.

The Recording Secretary read the record of the last monthly meeting, and of the special meeting.

Donations were received since the last meeting from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society; Oberlausitzische Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften zu Görlitz; the Editors of the "Advocate"; the Proprietors of the "Heraldic Journal"; the Publishers of the "Book Buyer"; Rev. Caleb Davis Bradlee; Mr. Chamberlain; George B. Chase, Esq.; Rev. B. F. De Costa; Miss Matilda Goddard; Captain William F. Goodwin, U.S.A.; Charles J. Hoadley, Esq.; Professor E. N. Horsford; B. P. Johnson, Esq.; Thomas S. Kirkbride, M.D.; Rev. A. P. Marvin; George H. Moore, Esq.; M. B. Scott, Esq.; H. B. Sprague, Esq.; Mr. James J. Wright; and from Messrs. W. G. Brooks, Deane, Green, S. Lincoln, Metcalf, C. Robbins, Quint, Smith, Shurtleff, Whitmore, and Winthrop, of the Society.

An application was read from our associate, Mr. Lincoln, for leave to copy a letter of Benjamin Pratt, of Hingham, to his tutor, Nathan Prince, of Harvard College, in a volume entitled "Letters & Papers," at page 134; which was granted under the rules.

The President communicated from Captain W. F. Goodwin, of the United-States Army, a copy of the will, in *fac-simile*, of Thomas Bradbury, the ancestor of the Bradburys in the United States, traced from the original on file in the Probate Office, in Essex County, Mass., by O. W. Holmes Upham. "Lithographed by F. Geese, Richmond, Va." •

Messrs. Lincoln, Eliot, and Endicott were appointed a Committee to nominate a list of officers of the Society, to be presented to the next meeting.

Messrs. Thayer, E. B. Bigelow, and Mason were appointed a Committee on the Treasurer's account.

The President exhibited a photographic likeness of Washington, taken from one of the "Washington pitchers," so called, sent to him from Philadelphia.

He also exhibited two "Washington pitchers," of small size, which belonged to our associate, Dr. Lothrop, and were heirlooms in his family.

Mr. R. FROTHINGHAM read from the London "Notes and Queries" for 16th January, 1869, some portions of an article making inquiry respecting a portrait of Governor Hutchinson, in Boston, from which an engraving had been executed some years since. The writer of the article was probably a descendant of Governor Hutchinson.

Some conversation ensued, during which the fact was mentioned that the portrait from which the engraving had been taken was in the Cabinet of the Society. It was also stated, that the Society was in possession of another portrait of Governor Hutchinson, apparently more authentic than the one which had been engraved. This was presented to the Society, on the 24th of Sep-

tember, 1835, by Mr. Peter Wainwright, Jr., a grandson of the Rev. Jonathan Mayhew, to whom the portrait once belonged. Our assistant, Mr. George Arnold, had recently ascertained that it bears the inscription, "Edward Truman, pinx, 1741."

The communication in the "Notes and Queries" contained extracts from the diary of Governor Hutchinson, which were also read by Mr. Frothingham.

Mr. J. M. ROBBINS expressed the wish that a correspondence might be opened by some member of the Society with the writer of the article in the "Notes and Queries," and an attempt made to procure a copy of the diary of Governor Hutchinson, now in possession of his descendants.

Whereupon, Messrs. Ellis and J. M. Robbins were appointed a Committee to adopt such measures as they may deem expedient towards effecting this object.

Mr. WHITMORE stated that our Corresponding Member, Mr. Somerby, of London, had discovered the will of the father of the Apostle Eliot, which is now printed in the last number of the "Heraldic Magazine."

Mr. E. E. HALE called up the Report submitted by the Committee on "Memorials of the Antiquities of Boston," at the January meeting, which was now read.

The Committee on Memorials of the Antiquities of Boston have the honor to report:—

That they have brought together, in the room over the Library, the remnants of Duchesne's model of Boston in 1815-19, where it is in most part arranged.

As an additional illustration belonging to the same period, they have placed in the same room Salmon's large picture

taken from the garden of Gardiner Greene's house, dated 1816. And they have collected several smaller pictures of different periods.

The Committee are frequently apprised of other memorials of different periods, which may probably be placed in such a collection, if the Society determine to form one.

But the room temporarily occupied for this purpose is needed for other uses; and the Committee have already trespassed too long on the hospitality of the Librarian and Cabinet-keeper.

They are convinced that it is desirable to attempt a collection of memorials of the former aspects of the city; and they believe that if a proper room be provided, such a collection may be rapidly filled.

Recognizing the fact, that the Society has not sufficient room for such a collection, they report a resolution, authorizing the Treasurer to provide such a room at an expense not exceeding two hundred dollars a year.

In the event of the passage of this resolution, the Committee would ask that they may be authorized to make such a collection, to be the property of the Society.

HENRY G. DENNY.  
EDWARD E. HALE.  
SAMUEL A. GREEN.  
W. H. WHITMORE.

After some discussion, the following resolution appended to the report was adopted:—

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer, on consultation with the Cabinet-keeper, be authorized to procure a suitable room, for the temporary preservation of a museum of local antiquities, at a charge of not more than two hundred dollars a year.

The President called the attention of members to some subscription papers on the table for the volume of Historical Lectures delivered by members at the

Lowell Institute, now in the press ; and stated, that this not being included among the regular publications of the Society, the members would not be entitled to copies under the Society's rule.

A copy of the following letter, presented by Professor E. N. Horsford, of Cambridge, was communicated to the Society:—

*General Schuyler to Ezra L'Homedieu.*

MORRIS TOWN, May 20, 1780.

DEAR SIR,— I ought not to complain that I have not been favored with a line, as I have not done myself the pleasure to address you one since we parted. I am however perhaps the most excusable of the two, as I have been closely kept doing something or other in the public way.

My colleagues on committee for arrangements are Mr. Mathews and Mr. Peabody. We are daily engaged in that business, without however making the progress I wish. The want of money in the Treasury, the want of magazines here, the scarcity of the necessary supplies, and the want of public virtue, continue to embarrass us exceedingly. The Quarter Master General threatens to resign, and his deputies refuse to act, because they deem themselves injured by some resolutions of the Treasury Board. The system of State supplies we find inadequate to the purposes it was intended for, and more expensive than a *well-directed* purchasing system would be. The army has been two days without meat ; and they may be so ten days more, for aught the Commissary knows to the contrary. The soldiery are uneasy ; they begin to attribute to a want of resource what they had been thought to believe proceeded from accidental impediment. This is a disagreeable picture of things ; but heaven, which indulgently smiles on America, I trust will brighten the prospect. It is said the Marquis de La Fayette has brought something favorable. Should our ally send a fleet, and we rouse from our torpor into exertion, we might possibly drive the enemy from the Continent, at least from this part of it, in the course of the campaign ; but remember that without great exertion every attempt to it will fail, and I conceive it better not to begin, than to begin without a probable prospect of success.

On Sunday last Gouverneur Morris's horses ran away in the streets

of Philadelphia. He leaped out of the Phaeton, and shattered the bone of his left leg so much that it became necessary to amputate it. There are good hopes of his recovery.

Accounts from New York announce that Count de Guichen, with his fleet, has sailed from the West Indies, and supposed for the American coast. Vessels are filling with stones to stop the channel at the narrows, and fire rafts making. Bets run three to two, at York, that Charlestown will not be taken. We also begin to think so. The President writes me of the 18<sup>th</sup> "we have in town some favorable reports from Charlestown, but I dare not yet communicate them as true."

As soon as we have made the arrangements here, I propose to examine the posts to the Northward, and reduce numbers that are now preying on the public. That done, I hope to set quietly down to my farm.

A most extraordinary change of conduct took place in a certain gentleman. He was not, from the time you left us, until I came from Philadelphia, once disguised; and has behaved with much propriety since.

If this meets you at Kingston, I hope I shall have the pleasure of seeing you there. Pray make my best wishes to Colo: ———, and believe me, Dear Sir, with sentiments of sincere esteem and friendship

Your obedient humble Servant,

PH. SCHUYLER.

Pray request M<sup>r</sup> E. Benson to accept my best respects.

Hon: EZRA L'HOMMEDIEU, Esq.

Indorsed, — Gen. Schuyler, 1780.

Mr. LAWRENCE presented a copy of a work with the following title: "The St.-Memin Collection of Portraits; consisting of seven hundred and sixty Medallion Portraits, principally of distinguished Americans," &c., New York: Published by Elias Dexter, in 1862; for which the thanks of the Society were expressed.